

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 are currently pending. Claims 1-5 are believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,523,898 to Ball (hereinafter "Ball.")

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation of a wall having at least one guide slot with "a defined closed perimeter." The Ball patent does not contain this limitation. The Ball patent contains a wall or spine assembly 60 having a vertical frame member 97 with a C-shaped cross-section with a C-shaped side bearing 99 received therein. The C-shaped side bearings 99 receive the side edges of the stabilizer 62 and the stabilizer 62 is slidably engaged therewith. As seen in FIG. 29, the vertical frame member 97 with C-shaped cross-section does not contain a defined closed perimeter. In contrast, the upper end of the vertical frame member 97 is open. Thus, Ball does not disclose a guide plate having a wall with at least one guide slot having a defined closed perimeter as recited in claim 1.

As the Examiner is well aware, "[a] claim is anticipated only if each and every element as set forth in the claim is found, either expressly or inherently described, in a single prior art reference." Verdegaal Bros. v. Union Oil Co. of California, 814 F.2d 628, 631, 2 USPQ2d 1051, 1053 (Fed. Cir. 1987). Accordingly, Ball does not include the limitation of a guide plate having a wall with at least one guide slot having a defined closed perimeter and, thus, does not include all of the limitations contained in claim 1.

Therefore, for at least the reasons stated above, claim 1 is believed to be in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the rejection of the claim be

withdrawn. As claims 4-5 depend from independent claim 1, these claims are also believed to be in condition for allowance and such favorable action is respectfully requested.

Therefore, claims 1-5 are currently pending and believed to be in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is respectfully requested. If any issues remain that would prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned by telephone prior to issuing a subsequent action.

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